

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (April – June 2008)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 04/07/08 7pm, 30 min.

Kathleen Skinner of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and Sen. Robert Hedlund, (R) Weymouth, talk about the Teacher Certification Bill. A new waiver will allow would-be teachers who fail the state certification exam three times to still get into a classroom. Supporters claim there are alternative ways to judge a teacher's competency but opponents say this sets the bar too low.

Basic Black, L 04/27/08 7:30pm, 30 min.

In this Eye on Education episode of Basic Black, host Kim McLarin speaks with Paul Reville, the state's newly appointed Secretary of Education. Reville discusses the state's Readiness Project, the achievement gap, and preparing Massachusetts' students to compete in the global arena.

Greater Boston, L 06/24/08 7pm, 30 min.

Governor Deval Patrick presents his Education Reform plan for Massachusetts.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 04/02/08 7pm, 30 min.

Developer John Hynes III discusses his \$3 billion Seaport Square project which would combine business, housing and schools. One well-known Boston restaurant and a chapel are upset that Hynes has not consulted with them about the project.

Greater Boston, L 05/01/08 7pm, 30 min.

Foreclosures: Gov. Patrick is asking banking officials to step in to curb a possible foreclosure crisis. Patrick wants officials to negotiate terms with lenders and offer counseling to homeowners. Guest: Steven Antonak, Mass. Commissioner of Banks.

Basic Black, L 05/11/08 7:30pm, 30 min

The concept of ghetto has had a long history from its centuries-old roots in the Jewish neighborhoods of Venice, Italy to the 21st century streets of America's urban communities of color. In conversation with Cora Daniels, Basic Black explores how the concept of ghetto has permeated the popular culture across race and how this mindset impacts communities of color.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 04/01/08 7pm, 30 min.

Charges in Jefferson Case: The mother and half-brother of Liquarry Jefferson are charged with the 8-year-old's death. Some are supporting the Suffolk DA's move, but others say it sets a dangerous precedent.

Greater Boston, L 04/15/08 7pm, 30 min.

Child Advocate: Juvenile Court Judge Gail Garinger of Newton, has been appointed by Governor Patrick as the state's first child advocate. The Office of the Child Advocate, is charged with investigating, reviewing and monitoring incidents of child abuse and neglect.

Greater Boston, L 05/29/08 7pm, 30 min.

Green Line Crash: Two Green Line trains collided yesterday during rush hour killing a 24-year-old conductor and injuring at least nine others. Federal authorities from the National Transportation Safety Board have arrived in Massachusetts to investigate what caused the crash.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Maria Hinojosa One-on-One, L 04/20/08, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Janet Murguia is the president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) – the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. In her conversation with host Maria Hinojosa, Murguia talks about NCLR, the criticism it faces, and the cultural backlash of Latino immigrants within today's political climate.

Basic Black, L 05/25/08, 5:30am, 30 min.

"A sincere call to face the truth behind black underachievement... a call that must be heeded." wrote The Wall Street Journal about John McWhorter's book, *Losing the Race*. McWhorter, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, is also the author of *Authentically Black* and *Winning The Race*. Although McWhorter's writings and commentaries on race, ethnicity and cultural issues have drawn praise and condemnation, the power of his ideas continue to inspire and provoke.

Greater Boston, L 06/23/08 7pm, 30 min.

Prisoner Diets: Last week, a judge ruled that the state was violating an inmate's civil rights by denying him a vegan diet. Daniel Yeboah-Sefah, who converted to Buddhism while in prison, was given a vegetarian diet but in his lawsuit said he wanted a vegan diet free of all animal products.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Illicit: The Dark Trade, N 04/17/08, 11am, 60 min.

The world economy is being derailed by new networks of illicit traders, criminal groups that care less about specific products and more about profit margins. Based on the best-seller *Illicit*, by Moises Naim, this film tracks the manufacture and sale of goods ranging from fake purses and DVDs to counterfeit pharmaceuticals that can have a devastating impact on human beings, showing how the even most innocuous trades are connected in a global epidemic generating \$ 3 trillion per year and unimagined human suffering.

Greater Boston, L 05/22/08 7pm, 30 min..

American Airlines: As part of cost-cutting efforts, American Airlines announced it will eliminate thousands of jobs in order to boost revenue.

Greater Boston, L 05/28/08 7pm, 30 min..

Pension Hikes: Lawmakers in the House and Senate are proposing increasing state worker pensions by roughly \$120 a year per retiree.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 04/14/08 7pm, 30 min.

Wellesley Lead Case: A Wellesley couple is being arraigned for failing to address alleged lead paint violations in their home. The Ellis's' 4-year-old daughter Catie's lead count tested at 37 micrograms per deciliter of blood, above the 25-microgram level that triggers state involvement, a home inspection was mandated.

Greater Boston, L 05/01/08 7pm, 30 min.

Greener Boston: Mayor Menino has pledged to plant 100,000 new trees in Boston over the next 13 years, which environmental experts believe will be a boost to the city's psychological well-being, boost cleaner air and reduce climate change.

Adirondacks, N 05/14/08 9pm, 60 min.

The Adirondack Park sprawls across six million acres in Upstate New York. It is the only one on the continent in which large human populations live and whose land is divided almost evenly between protected wilderness and privately owned tracts. "The Adirondacks" explores this remarkable region and reveals a delicate and dynamic relationship between progress and preservation.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 05/27/08 7pm, 30 min.

Yarmouth Motels: Occupants of the West Yarmouth Lodgings in Yarmouth fear they may be forced to leave their units after the Board of Health voted to suspend the motel's license

Greater Boston, L 06/16/08 7pm, 30 min.

Red Tide Outbreak:

Last Thursday, public health officials closed shellfish beds along the Massachusetts coast in response to a red tide outbreak. The ban on shellfish harvesting reaches from the New Hampshire border to the Bourne-Sandwich town line.

Greater Boston, L 06/30/08 7pm, 30 min.

HIV Rates Rise: Joshua Gambrell, Program manager, MOCAA and Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, Dimock Community Health Center discuss rising HIV rates.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 04/02/08 7pm, 30 min.

WBZ Layoffs: Boston sports veteran Bob Lobel discusses recent budget cutbacks at WBZ that has forced the station to let go of several longtime employees.

Greater Boston, L 04/09/08 7pm, 30 min.

Boston Fed President: Boston Federal Reserve President & CEO Eric Rosengren discusses the economy, recession fears and how the Boston Fed is helping borrowers with the foreclosure crisis.

Greater Boston, L 04/29/08 7pm, 30 min.

Economic Stimulus Checks: This week millions of rebate checks will be directly deposited in American bank accounts as the US government's economic stimulus plan unfolds. Now the question remains, will Americans spend the money, or will they save it?

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Caring for Your Parents, N 04/05/08, 6pm, 120 min.

As the population ages, many adult children are grappling with an unprecedented social, cultural, economic and personal revolution as they become the primary caregivers for their aging parents. This documentary draws much-needed attention to this widespread reality.

America At A Crossroads: Stand Up: Muslim American Comics Come Of Age, N, 05/27/08, 10pm, 60 min.

An exploration of the emergence of Muslim- and Arab-American comedians in the wake of 9/11 demonstrates how they use humor to take on stereotypes about Middle Easterners and terrorism. The film provides an inspiring chronicle of the impact 9/11 has had on their lives -- both professionally and personally.

Anyone And Everyone, N 06/12/08, 7:30pm, 60 min.

Anyone And Everyone tells the stories of families from Utah to North Carolina and Wyoming to New York, all connected by a common thread - a gay child. This poignant and often heartbreaking documentary by first-time filmmaker Susan Polis Schutz (also the parent of a gay son) depicts families representing a wide range of religions, nationalities and political leanings..